

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Mullings (Mullins) S10251

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State of Virginia, Charlotte County to wit:

On this 3rd day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court of Charlotte, now sitting, James Mullins a resident of the said County and State of Virginia, aged eighty-one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he served in the Revolutionary war as a Soldier at three different times.

1st he was drafted in the Virginia militia in the spring of the year 1779 and marched from the County of Charlotte under the command of Captain Joseph Friend to Petersburg Virginia, he was elected orderly Sergeant by the Company and acted as such during the service, he does not recollect the names of the Lieutenant & Ensign, The company of Captain Morton also marched from the same County to Petersburg at the same time, when we arrived at Petersburg our Companies were attached to the Regiment under the command of Colonel Jones, General Lafayette was the Commanding Officer, he does not distinctly recollect how long he was in the service, but he thinks 5 or 6 months, he was drafted for three months, but the British under the command of Arnold [Benedict Arnold] & Phillips [William Phillips]¹ having evacuated Petersburg, he was discharged, his discharge which was signed by Captain Friend, he has lost. 2nd. In the year 1781, February or March, it was supposed that the British Army under the command of Lord Cornwallis then in North Carolina would March through the County of Charlotte, and the whole militia of the County was called out & marched to Cole's ferry on Staunton River in the upper end of the County, he was in the company of Captain Friend and continued in this service about 3 weeks, when the militia were disbanded, many of the Soldiers volunteered & marched to North Carolina to the assistance of General Green [Nathanael Greene], he received no written discharge.

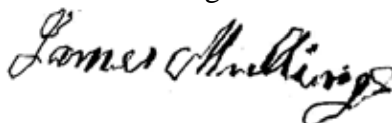
3rd. He was again drafted in the militia from the County of Charlotte for the term of 3 months, & marched from the same County under the command of Captain William Jamison to Prince Edward Courthouse and was a few days under the command of Colonel John Holcombe, the Colonel of the County, Colonel St. George Tucker afterwards one of the Judges of the Court of Appeals in Virginia then took the command from Prince Edward Courthouse we marched across James River to Carter's ferry and joined General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] and General Lafayette in the County of Goochland, the Army then marched in pursuit of Cornwallis through the Counties of New Kent, Charles City and James City, in the last named County we fought the

¹ Arnold and Phillips did not enter Virginia until very early in 1781. Consequently, the services described by the veteran must have occurred in 1781, not 1779 as stated by him

battle of the Green Springs, the militia was not in the battle, after the battle of the Green Springs the American Army marched up the James River to the Morbin Hills [Malvern Hills], at this last named place the said applicant remained about eleven days from there regularly discharged. Captain Jamison having been appointed Secretary to General Lawson, Lieutenant John Holloway became the Captain of the Company & his discharge was signed by him, which he kept until about five years ago, but is now lost. He was engaged in this last service three months and acted as orderly Sergeant during the whole time.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/James Mullings



[Abner W Clopton, a clergyman, and Elisha Collins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Virginia Lunenburg County (SC)

I John Fram² a Soldier of the Revolution do hereby certify that James Mullins Soldier (now applicant) was a Soldier in the revolutionary war in the year 1781 in the month of June and in the company of Captain William Jamison at Bottoms Bridge in the State of Virginia and I was informed by Captain Jamison that the above James Mullins Soldier was an orderly Sergeant for General Lawson given under my hand this 16th day of August 1832

S/ John Fram



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The affidavit of William Mullins taken the 10th August 1832 This affiant saith in the year 1779 he marched with James Mullins Soldier to Petersburg Virginia from Charlotte County after staying there a few days we were discharged and came home together we expected to have stayed 3 months, the enemy left there and we were not wanted I believe that James Mullins Soldier acted as orderly Sergeant, but do not recollect who we marched under –

S/ William Mullins, X his mark

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State of Virginia Charlotte County to wit: On this 7th day of October 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court of Charlotte now sitting, James Mullins a resident of Charlotte, in the County of Charlotte and State of Virginia, aged nearly 82 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He states that some months back he made an application to the War Department for a pension, and his claim was rejected upon the ground that he was not in the service during the

² [John Fram S41526](#)

Revolutionary War, as long a period as 6 months, and of course did not come within the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That when his former declaration was drawn and sent on, to the War Department, he was truly in sincerely under the impression that it was unnecessary to speak of services rendered, which he was not ready to substantiate by satisfactory proof. In estimating on that occasion, the whole amount of service rendered by him to his country, he made allusion only to such service as he thought at the time, he would be able to prove. Since that time, he has been so fortunate, as to obtain additional testimony, and further light and information on the subject, and hopes the War Department will do him the justice of reconsidering his claim. The former declaration was drawn in great haste, as, was also the evidence filed there with; and he has every reason to believe that in consequence of his being very deaf, many mistakes and blunders were committed by himself, in not understanding with sufficient accuracy the inquiries made of him by the Court. In the present instance, he has drawn an entirely new declaration, giving an account in full of all his services in the Revolutionary War to the best of his recollection and has also obtained his evidence a new, upon the supposition that it would be more satisfactory to the war Department – He states, that he was born the 17th of November 1751, in the County of King William and removed from the County, when young and before the Revolutionary War, to the County of Charlotte, where he has ever since resided. He had a Register of his age, but by some means or other, it has been misplaced or lost. He first engaged in the service of his Country, as a volunteer, under Captain Thomas Williams, in the latter part of the year 1776. He was then under arms as a minute man for 3 months according to the best of his recollection. I've rendezvous was Charlotte Courthouse – orders at last came from the Governor, that the enemy had left our shores and we were discharged, upon receiving full pay for one month's service. He refers to the affidavit of Captain Thomas Pettus, who gives in detail the whole history of the matter, as evidence of the above mentioned service. He was then drafted in the militia for the period of three months, under Captain Joseph Friend and was stationed in the neighborhood of Petersburg. This was in the month of June 1779 as well as his memory serves him. Joseph Friend was Captain, Gustavus Hendrick was Lieutenant, and he thinks a Mr. Walton was in some – General Baron Steuben was commander in chief. That he the said James Mullins was orderly Sergeant in the said Company. He received a regular discharge, but does not recollect whether it was a written or verbal discharge. As evidence of service, the three months above mentioned, in Captain Friend's Company, he refers to the affidavit of Mr. William Mullings, who was with him in said service. He states that in the month of January or February 1781, he was again drafted in the militia, under Captain Joseph Friend, for the period of 6 weeks and was stationed at Coles Ferry on Staunton River in the County of Charlotte, at the time Lord Cornwallis and his Army were expected to pass that way. He did not however remain there longer than one month the enemy having taken another direction. He also acted as orderly Sergeant on this occasion. The only evidence which he has been able to obtain in regard to this service, is the affidavit of Mr. William Mullings (the latter part) who was stationed at the same place for a short time. He has no doubt he could obtain of the evidence, were he in a situation to go about. He refers the Department to the affidavit of James Hamlett, Colonel Joseph Wyatt and Captain John D Richardson as evidence of his inability to travel about, and of his character for honesty and veracity.

He further states, that he was drafted again in the militia, in the month of April 1781, under Captain Jamison for the period of 3 months, and marched by Prince Edward Court House and crossed James River at Carter's Ferry, was at the Point of Fork, passed through Goochland County, through Hanover County, New Kent County into Charles City County to the Green

Springs in James City County. He was not in the skirmish which took place there about that time, but was in hearing of the firing, being stationed about 2 miles off. He then marched to Malvern Hills and remained a while there until his term of service expired when he was discharged. He was discharged by Captain George Holloway who was Lieutenant in the company in the first instance, and was made Captain as soon as Captain Jamison became Secretary for General Lawson. James Hamlett was Ensign. He the said James Mullins was orderly Sergeant in the company. He is under the impression he received a written discharge which has been lost. He refers to the affidavit of Mr. John Fram of Lunenburg, who was with him in the service, as evidence of the present case. He claims a Pension for 8 months service; one month under Captain Williams, 3 months under Captain Friend at Petersburg, one month under Captain Friend again at Coles Ferry, and 3 months under Captain Jamison in all making 8 months. In all his service he acted as orderly Sergeant. He has no documentary evidence whatever. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or Annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. On his former declaration he had the certificates of the Reverend Abner W Clopton & Elisha Collins, and therefore deems it unnecessary to obtain the certificate of another clergyman.

S/ James Mullins



[Daniel Hendrick and William Hamlett gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Virginia Charlotte County to wit

I Thomas Pettus of the County of Charlotte and State of Virginia do hereby certify that sometime in the fall of the year 1776 as well as my memory serves me, and alarm reached the County of Charlotte that the British forces had landed on our shores the particular place I do not now recollect and that there was an immediate demand for troops to repel them – Captain Thomas Williams immediately or in a very short time raised a large Company of Volunteers to meet the particular emergency – the company engaged in service until the enemy were removed, or left our shores; as well as I can recollect we remained in readiness to march at a minute's warning something like 2 or 3 months awaiting orders from the Governor of the State; at last orders came from the Governor that there was no further necessity for our services, and we were discharged – each soldier was allowed full pay for one month's service and received the same – I was a volunteer in the Company and have a very distinct recollection that Mister James Mullins of Charlotte County was also a volunteer in the same Company. I am now in the 75th year of my age. Given under my hand this 14th September 1833

S/ Thomas Pettus



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State of Virginia – Charlotte County to wit:

I William Mullins of the County of Charlotte and State of Virginia, do hereby certify

that I was well acquainted with Mr. James Mullings of Charlotte in the Revolutionary war, and was with him in the service a part of the time – According to the best of my recollection at this time, in the month of June 1779, the said James Mullings was drafted in the militia for the period of 3 months, under the command of Captain Joseph Friend and was stationed in the neighborhood of Petersburg – I think he was regularly discharged –

In the month of January or February 1781, I recollect seeing him again in the militia at Coles Ferry County of Charlotte, at the time Lord Cornwallis was expected to pass that way. How long he remained there or who was his Captain, I am not able at this time to say, having enlisted as a volunteer, and marching in a few days to North Carolina. Mr. James Mullings acted in the capacity of orderly Sergeant, and was considered a good soldier. Given under my hand this 13th day of September 1833

S/ William Mullings

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State of Virginia – Lunenburg County of (to wit)

I John Fram of the County of Lunenburg and State of Virginia do hereby certify that I knew Mister James Mullings of Charlotte County while in the service during the Revolutionary War. I first met with him at Bottoms Bridge below the City of Richmond in the said State on the 4th of July sometime afterwards I saw the said Mullins [sic] at the Bever dams [Beaver dams] in the County of New Kent I was invited by Captain Jamison who was secretary to General Lawson at his quarters & Mister Mullins [sic] was then an orderly Sergeant to relieve the guard & said Jamison stated to me that General Lawson was well pleased with him as persevering handy man this was in the year 1781 I have no doubt he served his whole tower of 3 months and was regularly discharged.

State of Virginia Lunenburg County

This day John Fram personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid and subscribed his name to the foregoing Certificate in my presence and made oath that the same contained the truth to the best his knowledge and belief.

S/ John Fram

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A correct list of the members of the family of Mr. James Mullings of Charlotte, with their respective ages; and also, a Schedule of his whole property of every sort or description: to wit:

James Mullings aged 84 years, 2 days

Agnes Mullings his wife aged 84 years 10 months

His children now living with him – to wit:

Amey Mullings aged 48 years

Francis Mullings (blind) aged 44 years

Latetia Mullings aged 42 years

Schedule of Property – to wit

one feather bed, bed stand & furniture \$15.00

one spinning wheel 1.50

\$16.50

At the request of Mister Mullings we, three of his neighbors, have met at his house, and [ink blot obliterates several words] down as above the names and ages of the members of his family; and also, a schedule of his whole property. We honestly believe their ages to be as above described.

We further believe that the property set forth as above is all in the entire property of James Mullings of any sort or description, and valued the same at \$16.50. Given under our hands this 19th day of November 1834

S/ Richard Cary

S/ Richard Collins

S/ Grandison Collins

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia service.]